

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method intended for thermal insulation, ~~characterized in that comprising filling~~ a volume defined by the space contained between a first enclosure interior to a second enclosure ~~is filled with~~ vegetable foam particles.
2. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said volume is an annular space defined by the outside of a pipe placed in another pipe.
3. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising solubilizing said volume of vegetable foam is solubilized particles~~ by an aqueous fluid ~~so as to allow and free pulling of said internal first enclosure~~.
4. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said fluid is about 1N soda.
5. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the average size of the particles is below 5 mm.
6. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said vegetable foam comprises at least : a flour and/or a non-gelatinized starch, a plasticizer, possibly another additive, a water content below 10 % ~~and preferably below 5 %~~.

7. (currently amended) An installation ~~consisting of~~ comprises a first enclosure placed in a second enclosure, characterized in that the space contained between said enclosures comprises a volume of vegetable foam particles used as a thermal insulant.

8. (currently amended) An installation as claimed in claim 7, wherein said enclosures consist of a string of tubings intended for transportation of a petroleum effluent placed in another pipe, ~~a well for example.~~

9. (previously presented) An installation as claimed in claim 7, wherein said vegetable foam particles have the following properties : thermal conductivity ranging between 0.03 and 0.06 W/m.°K and at least partial solubility in an aqueous fluid.

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10. (currently amended) An installation as claimed in claim 7, wherein said vegetable foam particles comprise at least : a flour and/or a non-gelatinized starch, a plasticizer, possibly another additive, a water content below 10 % ~~and preferably below 5 %.~~

11. (previously presented) An installation as claimed in claim 7, wherein said space further comprises at least one of the following insulants : silicate foam particles, aerogel foam particles, dry powders.

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21. (new) An installation as claimed in claim 7, wherein said vegetable foam particles have an average particle size below 5 mm.

22. (new) An installation as claimed in claim 7, wherein said vegetable foam particles have a water content below 5%.

23. (new) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said vegetable foam particles have a water content below 5%.

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